

"Look to the fields. . ."

# SHAD WILLIAMS EVANGELISTIC ASSOCIATION

*"We Go To Them"*

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## FIVE MILLION IN FIVE MONTHS

When Sheila and I entered this ministry forty-five years ago, we never in our wildest dreams thought there would come a day when we would see God doing what He is doing today. In fact, we couldn't imagine it even ten years ago! But, here we are, witnessing an amazing outpouring of His Spirit, and a great influx of people responding to the Gospel. All I can say is, we are grateful to be a small part of what HE is doing.

We are also grateful for the men and women God has raised up to work with SWEA in the harvest field of the world. There are currently over 160 of them taking the Gospel out every day to where the people are - in open-air markets, schools, street meetings, prisons, hospitals, and evening film shows. During the first five months of 2022, they averaged preaching face to face to nearly 37,000 people every day. They actually began in earnest the second week of January when schools opened. From then through the first week of June, they conducted over 7000 evangelistic events in which FIVE MILLION people prayed to receive Jesus.

So, how is this even possible? With men, it isn't. But, "with GOD, all things are possible". It happens through God enabling a lot of teams to confront a LOT of people with the simple clear Gospel, which calls for a verdict. It happens through God moving upon the hearts of those people to respond to the drawing of the Holy Spirit to receive Christ in their heart. Paul wrote in 1 Corinthians 3:6 -7, "I have planted, Apolos watered, but God gave the increase. So then neither is he that planteth anything, neither he that watereth, but God that giveth the increase." We know that all the preaching in the world means nothing unless GOD moves upon people to respond. I have heard it speculated that "those people" respond because they don't have anything, and they feel the need of God. That is not true in Africa any more than it is in America. They respond for one reason only - because GOD draws them by His Spirit. I'm thankful that over the past five months, FIVE MILLION of them responded to His drawing.

There is also another component to this evangelism equation, the faithful people of God who PRAY for this work and who GIVE of their resources to enable the ministry to function. So, to those of you who do pray, and to those of you who do generously help financially, Sheila and I, and all the team, want to say a resounding THANK YOU!!! I have said it many times, but I will say it again - very loudly - THIS IS A TEAM EFFORT!!

### *Team Rachel*

In our last newsletter, I asked you to join us in prayer for our daughter, Rachel. She was scheduled to have a double mastectomy four weeks ago on Wednesday May 17<sup>th</sup>. The surgery was done as scheduled, and she was discharged the next day. Everything seemed to be fine, but early Sunday morning we received a call that she was being rushed back to the ER with fever and shortness of breath. She had pneumonia and sepsis. Sheila and I rushed back to the hospital, two and a half hours away. When we arrived at the ICU, she was stable and receiving treatment. We thank God that He is always in control, and they got her to the hospital in time. We were told by the ER doctor that if she had delayed in getting there, she would have died. After a few days stay, she was again discharged, only to return again on June 6 with a very serious staff infection. She is at home now being treated with antibiotics to try to get it cleared up. Needless to say, this has been a roller coaster ride for Rachel and the family. She is still facing chemo, but she is



anxious to get back to the job she loves - working at the ER at Baptist Hospital in Columbus, MS. Thank you all for your prayers for her, and please continue. She still has a long way to go.

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# Scenes From the Field in May



Moses Otieno shares the Gospel in Migori, Kenya



Patrick Asava in the Bungoma area of Kenya



The Gospel of Christ being preached at a school in Rwanda



Marion Vero speaking to students near Eldoret, Kenya



Haggai Abwonga giving water in Lodwar, Kenya before sharing the Gospel



Alex Mbata speaking at an open-air market in Tanzania



Leonard, a new team member in Burundi Trained by Wilfred Andabwa in Rwanda



Livingstone Bahati with students near Eldoret, Kenya



Paul Asembo sharing at a high school in Machakos, Kenya



Newton Odhiambo at a school in Thika Valley, Kenya



Ibrahim Mbata at a school in Tanzania